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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 49.6 degrees, 4.1 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 17. Precipitation averaged 0.78 inches, 0.24 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 32 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 15. This is 1.4 days above last year and 0.6 days more the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2004	5.2	6.8	126.2
2003	3.8	5.9	110.3
1999-2003 Average	4.6	5.1	135.5

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	6	21	67	6
Last Week	7	28	62	3
Same Week Last Year	0	0	70	30
1999-2003 Average	7	16	63	14

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

Respondents estimate **Corn** is 94 percent mature, eight days ahead of last year and two days ahead of the five-year average. Reporters estimate 38 percent of corn for grain has been harvested. This is 10 days ahead of last year and about four days ahead of the five-year average. Farmers have 91

percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 97 percent the previous year and 97 for the 1999-2003 year average. Ninety-seven percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to 99 percent in 2003 and 100 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans are 89 percent mature. This is slightly behind last year and six days behind the 1999-2003 average. Farmers have 70 percent of soybeans harvested. This is about four days ahead of 2003 and about one day ahead of the five-year average. Producers have 74 percent of **Winter Wheat** planted. This is about three days ahead of the previous year and slightly ahead of as the five-year average. Respondents estimate 35 percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is about five days ahead of last year and slightly ahead of the 1999-2003 average. **Potatoes** are at 95 percent harvested. This is seven days behind last year and about eight days behind the five-year average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 81 percent complete, about five days behind last year and eight days behind the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 90 percent complete, 11 days behind last year, and 12 days behind the five-year average. Seventy-five percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested. Vegetable growers have 95 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to 100 percent last year and 100 percent for the 1999-2003 average. **Grape** producers have 63 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 74 percent in 2003 and 88 percent for the five-year average.

Weather conditions deteriorated toward the end of last week reducing field work this past weekend. While many farmers continue harvesting soybeans, others concentrated on harvesting corn and planting winter wheat. Growers continue chopping silage, baling hay, and harvesting pumpkins. Respondents have indicated some producers are looking for temporary grain storage facilities to compensate for high yields. Fruit growers continue harvesting apples and grapes.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated at 72 percent good to excellent condition compared to 71 percent last week. Soybeans were rated at 69 percent good to excellent condition compared to 68 percent last week.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	81	86	89	74	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	75	80	78	65	NA
Corn mature	94	86	92	88	88
Corn harvested for grain	38	18	30	25	34
Corn silage harvested	91	97	97	89	NA
Grapes harvested	63	74	88	55	NA
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	90	98	97	86	NA
Potatoes harvested	95	99	99	94	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	95	100	100	94	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	97	99	100	94	94
Soybeans mature	89	91	95	79	NA
Soybeans harvested	70	59	68	61	58
Winter wheat planted	74	64	73	58	70
Winter wheat emerged	35	18	34	9	44

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	20	45	27
Previous Week	3	7	19	46	25
Previous Year	2	5	20	48	25
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	11	29	44	13
Previous Week	4	10	29	43	14
Previous Year	4	7	27	48	14
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	10	27	47	14
Previous Week	2	8	29	48	13
Previous Year	2	4	20	55	19
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	21	40	29
Previous Week	4	8	20	43	25
Previous Year	3	8	33	44	12

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	49.0	-3.9	0.75	0.22	25.35	3.06	24	-28	3023	-4
North Central	49.2	-3.8	0.99	0.47	26.62	3.54	23	-28	2973	-8
Northeast	48.6	-3.6	0.79	0.21	31.14	6.60	23	-25	2740	-66
West Central	49.5	-4.3	0.76	0.23	25.43	1.55	24	-33	3204	44
Central	50.0	-4.0	0.75	0.23	29.99	5.71	24	-35	3253	59
Central Hills	48.8	-3.8	0.61	0.10	33.71	9.30	22	-30	2939	-19
Northeast Hills	47.7	-5.4	0.68	0.17	35.71	11.46	20	-34	2967	-33
Southwest	50.3	-4.8	0.93	0.34	24.52	-0.77	25	-39	3396	57
South Central	51.3	-4.1	0.78	0.22	31.80	7.81	31	-36	3496	111
Southeast	50.3	-3.7	0.73	0.16	33.18	8.87	27	-34	3227	46
STATE	49.6	-4.1	0.78	0.24	29.55	5.52	24	-32	3142	24

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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